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Secretary of the Army honors local Corps of Engineers leader

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White recently honored the leader of the Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District.

Fort Worth District Engineer Col. Gordon M. Wells received the John W. Macy, Jr. Award in a May 30th ceremony in Washington, D.C. The Macy award, sponsored by the Secretary of the Army and the Army Civilian Personnel Alumni Association, is presented to only one individual Army-wide annually.

The Macy award recognizes excellence in the leadership of civilians by an Army military or civilian supervisor. The recipients of this award are leaders who best exemplify the highest traditions of service and whose contributions have resulted in material improvements in areas such as Army mission support, customer service and productivity.

Wells leads a mostly civilian workforce of over 900 employees in the Corps' Fort Worth District.

The district is responsible for water resources development in most of Texas, and military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico.

Wells' nomination for the award was based on his people-focused efforts to shape the district's workplace culture to meet the challenges of 2005 and beyond. Wells, who believes that employees must be enabled and empowered at all levels in order to meet the challenges and expectations of the future, has improved technical training, sharpened management and leadership skills, and heightened the overall situational awareness of employees since taking command of the Fort Worth District in July 2000.